(b) and (c) The Planning Commission has imposed a ceiling of 8% on the growth of Indian Airlines' capacity during the Seventh Plan period. Attempts are being made to relax the ceiling. Apart from the ceiling, Indian Airlines suffered from capacity shortage due to a number of accidents and also late arrival of leased aircarft, than planned.

(d) Indian Airlines has inducted a number of aircraft on lease and from April, 1989 onwards, the 19 Airbus A 320 aircraft will be inducted into its fleet in a phased manner.

Funds for Development of Hyderabad Railway Station

138. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY :

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA :

Will the Minsiter of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government for improving the Hyderabad and other Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh as Model Stations;

(b) whether it is a fact that no amount has been sanctioned for the development of Hyderabad railway station though it has been selected as a Model Station under the Model Station Scheme;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) in what way the time lost would be made up in improving the facilities at the Hyderabad railway station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Tirupati and Waltair railway stations in Andhra Pradesh have been selected to be developed as Model Stations. Work at all the stations except at Hyderabad has commenced.

(b) to (d) The work at Hyderabad station is proposed to be taken up in phases. In phase-I, works costing Rs. 1.50 crores have been proposed and will be started in 1989-90.

Membership of Commonwealth to Pakistan

139. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minsiter of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan had approached India to help her joining the Commonwealth;

(b) whether Pakistan has been provided Membership of the Commonwealth; if not, by when she is likely to achieve such membership; and

(c) to what extent Pakistan's joining Commonwealth is likely to help in improving relations with Pakistan by the Commonwealth countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) Without making a formal proposal, from time to time Pakistan has been expressing interest in rejoining the Commonwealth.

(b) Pakistan is not a member of the Commonwealth. There are no clear indications at present as to when this will be possible.

(c) This remains to be seen.

Delay in Flights of IA during the Last Six Months

140. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines have not been able to maintain their schedules for the past 6 months;

(b) if so, what has been the averages of delayed flights during the last six months, as compared to the same period in 1987-88; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the punctuality of departures of various flights by the Indian Airlines?